

that you shall have treated with them that the Christians of Maryland and Virginia are our neighbours, and his Ma<sup>ty</sup>s Subjects as well as wee And that they take care to p<sup>r</sup>vent their Young men goeing out a fighting to the Southward for feare of making any incursions, on the Christians there, for in violateing the Covenant made with them now cannot expect any releife or assistance from us. Actum in the Court house of Albany the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 1682.

p Order of the Court  
Rob<sup>t</sup> Levingstone Sec<sup>r</sup>

New Yorke July the 4<sup>th</sup> 1682:

Hon<sup>rd</sup> S<sup>rs</sup>

Yo<sup>rs</sup> of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June I answered the 30<sup>th</sup> ditto since which yo<sup>rs</sup> of the 30<sup>th</sup> of July is come to hand in Answer to which I am strangely surprised and much admire, soe ground-  
less a Report as that of Indians Troops gon to Maryland should gett soe much Credit to give you the trouble of an Express which possobly may alarm those parts with greater feares and Iealousies then Ever, which haveing fully Enquired & examined after cann find noe cause for, nor could I have thought you would have made propositions to the Commissarys his Maj<sup>ty</sup>s Subjects in that manner, yo<sup>r</sup> business according to yo<sup>r</sup> Commission you produced being to treat with and Confirme a peace withe the Senecas and other Indians, according to the Articles made by Coll Coursey in which wee are requested if need be to give you all assistance, and I thought before you went from hence you had a full assureance thereof and of our reall and neighbourly kindness Inclina<sup>o</sup>ns to serve you and all his Majestys Subjects in such methods as our long Experience hath given us to knowe is most vsefull necessary and expedient, Pursuant to which wee sent Orders to the Commissarys and those in place to assist and advise you accordingly: The matter being cheifly to confirme or renue a peace formerly made may be more properly done and accomplished without soe much threats of warr or giveing them oppertunity of greater feares or Jealosies then they have. The method that hath hitherto Kept us in peace and by our meanes the rest of his Majestys Subjects both East and west is certainly best still to be followed and not to be led by new Councells out of the usuall and Com<sup>o</sup>n road in which wee are best understood, as wee are acquainted with the Indians soe best know our owne Condi<sup>o</sup>ns and conse-  
quently what most suitable for both, should be glad if in my power to have a league and Confederacy with Maryld but doe not find you any ways authorized to propose or conclude

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